

**Abstract**

The present invention aims at providing a printing system capable of attaining improvement in efficiency of printing preparation processing. In order to attain this object, a printing system (1) comprises a plurality of unit controllers (20) and a server controller (10) totally managing the plurality of unit controllers (20). The server controller (10) commands such purport that a process of creating a plurality of separate plate data is shared between the plurality of unit controllers, the plurality of separate plate data being created by separating digital data of objective printed matter into a plurality of color components and rasterizing the same. Each of the plurality of unit controllers (20) creates at least one separate plate data among the plurality of separate plate data on the basis of the command from the server controller (10). Therefore, efficiency of processing can be improved by performing creation processing of the separate plate data in the plurality of unit controllers (20) in parallel dispersion.

